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From: Zito, Kelly

**Sent:** Sun 8/9/2015 4:08:29 PM

**Subject:** Re: Animas/Gold King Mine Data Info

Public affairs folks - R8, R9 and HQ - just discussed dissemination of this data and need for explanation/interpretation, next steps, etc. It was unclear how it would be handled.

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 8:47 AM, "Kao, Jessica" < <u>Kao.Jessica@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

The other thread

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From: "Harrison, Melissa" < Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>

**Date:** August 9, 2015 at 8:44:47 AM PDT **To:** "Purchia, Liz" < <u>Purchia.Liz@epa.gov</u>>

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If this is being given to Senators Bennet/Gardner this morning they will likely use it in their press conference. Has it been shared with all other officials? Are we prepared to release to all media with explanations? It is key that we not piecemeal this type of key information to the public.

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 11:35 AM, Purchia, Liz < <u>Purchia.Liz@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

How are we going to explain what this data means to the public, officials and media?

Can we explain what these numbers mean for drinking water, human health, wildlife, etc?

I just worry that we shouldn't post the numbers or put it out without some explainers.

From: Card, Joan

Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2015 11:24 AM

**To:** Fritz, Matthew; McGrath, Shaun; Smith, Paula; Blumenfeld, Jared; Strauss, Alexis; Kao, Jessica; Curry, Ron; Coleman, Sam; Gray, David; Stanislaus, Mathy; Breen, Barry; Purchia, Liz; Gray, David; Ostrander, David; McKean, Deborah; Hestmark, Martin

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All, this information will be released this morning. A lot is happening very quickly. We are explaining this to Senators and Governor in Durango at 10am this morning. Prepping for a public meeting at 6pm and issuing on web site this morning. My distribution is truncated here, so please forward to those in EPA who need to know this. Not ideal, I know, but consistent with Congressional and Media updates yesterday afternoon, so should be no surprises, just lots of questions.

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